

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Derek Benke, reg. no. 56,944 on August 11, 2008.
3. The claims have been amended as follows:

- a. Replace claim 1 to read as of the following,

In Claim 1,

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information providing system comprising: a registration apparatus comprising
first recording means for recording user registration form data for displaying a picture for inputting user profile data specifying a user for registration, in association with attributes relevant to said user,

first receiving means for receiving, from a user terminal used by said user, a transmission request for transmission of said user registration form data, along with user terminal identification specifying said user terminal as an argument of a target destination of the registration apparatus and said attributes input by said user,

selection means for selecting said user registration form data recorded in said first recording means, based on said attributes received by said first receiving means,

first transmission means for transmitting said user registration form data selected by said selection means to said user terminal,

second receiving means for receiving said user profile data which specifies said user and which has been input from said user terminal based on said user registration form data, and

second recording means for recording said user profile data in association with said user terminal identification specifying said user terminal used by said user;

second transmitting means for transmitting a program for access to a key server; and
a key server and content server, the key server comprising

memory;

third receiving means for receiving the user terminal identification and an application identification corresponding to an application from the user terminal, the application identification including information corresponding to application type, language and software version code of the application;

verifying means for verifying registration of the user terminal by comparing the user terminal identification received by the third receiving means with the user terminal identification stored by the second recording means;

generating means for generating a key, used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from the content server, based on the application identification received by the third receiving means, and

third transmission means for transmitting the key and a target destination of the content server which enables the user terminal to download contents from said content server.

b. Replace claim 4 to read as of the following,

In Claim 4,

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information providing method comprising:

a first recording step of recording user registration form data for displaying a picture for inputting user profile data specifying a user for registration, in association with attributes relevant to said user;

a first receiving step of receiving, from a user terminal used by said user, a transmission request for transmission of said user registration form data, along with user terminal identification specifying said user terminal as an argument of a target destination of [[the]] a registration apparatus and said attributes input by said user;

a selection step of selecting said user registration form data recorded in said first recording step, based on said attributes received by said first receiving step;

a first transmission step of transmitting said user registration form data selected by said selection step to said user terminal;

a second receiving step of receiving said user profile form data which specifies said user and which has been input from said user terminal based on said user registration form data;

 a second recording step of recording said user profile data in association with said user terminal identification specifying said user terminal used by said user;

 a second transmitting step of transmitting a program for access to a key server;

 a third receiving step of receiving at the key server the user terminal identification and an application identification corresponding to an application from the user terminal used by said user, the application identification including information corresponding to application type, language and software version code of the application;

 a verifying step of verifying registration of the user terminal by comparing the user terminal identification received by the third receiving step with the user terminal identification stored by the second recording step;

 a generating step of generating a key used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from a content server based on the application identification received by the third receiving step; and

 a third transmission step of transmitting from the key server the key and a target destination of said content server which enables the user terminal used by said user to download contents from said content server.

c. Replace claim 5 to read as of the following,

In Claim 5,

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program which said program comprises:

 a first receiving step of receiving, from a user terminal used by a user, a transmission request for transmission of user registration form data, along with a user terminal identification specifying said user terminal as an argument of a target destination of a registration apparatus used by [[a]] said user and attributes relevant to said user, said user registration form data including a picture for inputting user profile ~~form~~ data specifying said user;

 a selection step of selecting said user ~~terminal~~ registration form data based on said attributes received by said first receiving step;

 a first transmission step of transmitting said user registration form data selected by said selection step to said user terminal;

 a second receiving step of receiving said user profile ~~form~~ data which specifies said user and which has been input from said user terminal based on said user ~~terminal~~ registration form data;

 a second recording step of recording said user profile ~~form~~ data in association with said user terminal identification specifying said user terminal used by said user;

 a second transmitting step of transmitting a program for access to a key server;

 a third receiving step of receiving at the key server the user terminal identification and an application identification corresponding to an application from the user terminal used by said user, the application identification including information corresponding to application type, language and software version code of the application;

a verifying step of verifying registration of the user terminal by comparing the user terminal identification received by the third receiving step with the user terminal identification stored by the second recording step;

a generating step of generating a key used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from a content server based on the application identification received by the third receiving step; and

a third transmission step of transmitting from the key server the key and a target destination of said content server which enables the user terminal used by said user to download contents from said content server.

d. Replace claim 6 to read as of the following,

In Claim 6,

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A user terminal device comprising:

a processor;

a sending communications unit configured to send a transmission request for transmission of user registration form data along with user terminal identification information to a registration apparatus, to send user profile ~~form~~ data to a registration server and to send the user terminal identification information and application identification corresponding to an application to a key server, the application identification including information corresponding to application type, language and software version code of the application;

a receiving communications unit configured to receive the user registration form data for displaying a picture for inputting said user profile ~~form~~ data, to receive a program for access to the key server from the registration apparatus, to receive a key used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from a content server, the key based on the application identification and to receive a target destination of the content server from the key server;

a display configured to display the picture for inputting the user profile data specifying a user for registration, in accordance with attributes relevant to the user;

an input element configured to input the user profile data; and

a download unit configured to download contents from the content server.

e. Replace claim 7 to read as of the following,

In Claim 7,

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method for receiving content using a user terminal, said method comprising:

transmitting to a registration apparatus a request for transmission of user registration form data along with user terminal identification specifying the user terminal;

receiving the user registration form data from a registration server;

displaying a picture for inputting user profile data specifying a user for registration, in accordance with attributes relevant to the user;

inputting the user profile data specifying the user for registration based on the user registration form data;

transmitting the user profile data entered by said inputting to the registration server;

receiving a program for access to a key server from the registration apparatus;

transmitting to the key server the user terminal identification specifying the user terminal and an application identification corresponding to an application, the application identification including information corresponding to application type, language and software version code of the application; and

receiving from the key server a key used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from a content server, the key based on the application identification and a target destination of [[a]] the content server which enables [[the]] downloading of contents from the content server.

f. Replace claim 8 to read as of the following,

In Claim 8,

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program which said program comprises:

transmitting to a registration apparatus a request for transmission of user registration form data along with user terminal identification specifying [[the]] a user terminal;

receiving the user registration form data from a registration server;

displaying a picture for inputting user profile data specifying a user for registration, in accordance with attributes relevant to the user;

inputting the user profile data specifying the user for registration based on the user registration form data;

transmitting the user profile data entered by said inputting to the registration server;

receiving a program for access to a key server from the registration apparatus;

transmitting to the key server the user terminal identification specifying the user terminal and an application identification corresponding to an application, the application identification including information corresponding to application type, language and software version code of the application; and

receiving from the key server a key used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from a content server, the key based on the application identification and a target destination of [[a]] the content server which enables [[the]] downloading of contents from the content server.

Reason for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art of records teach or suggest in combination features of receiving a transmission request for transmission of said user registration form data, along with user terminal identification information at the registration apparatus; receiving user profile data at the registration apparatus;

receiving user terminal identification and an application identification corresponding to an application from the user terminal, the application identification including information corresponding to application type, language and software version code of the application; transmitting a key and the target destination of the contents server which enables the user terminal to download contents from the content server; the key based on the application identification. None of the prior art of records teach or suggest the features above in combination with independent claims 1 and 4-8.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip C Lee whose telephone number is (571)272-3967. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM TO 5:30 PM Monday to Thursday and every other Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on (571) 272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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